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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated October 7, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring January 7, 2004. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extension of time by one month, setting a new time for response of February 7, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.